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Industrial Tribunal awards

* 2638 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the awards of Industrial Tribunals with regard to beedi factories have been implemented anywhere in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the names of such beedi factories and their location.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A statefent[a] is placed on the table of the House.

Loans for installation of filter-point wells

* 2639 *Q.*—Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the necessity for insisting upon two sureties and for taking encumbrance certificates from the loanees while granting loans for installation of filter-point wells?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : For the loans granted under the Filter-Point Wells Scheme, the landed property of the loanees is not taken as security. Therefore the production of two sureties by each of the loanees is insisted upon towards security. Encumbrance certificates are taken to verify the actual amount of solvency of the applicants, though not in all cases.

Kunthipuzha Hydro-Electric Project

* 2640 *Q.*—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representations through the Chief Minister when he visited Mannarghat on 23rd April 1955 that the Kunthipuzha Hydro-Electric Project should be included in the Second Five-Year Plan; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) Yes, Sir. A petition submitted by the hon. Member himself in this behalf has been received.

(*b*) Arangements are being made by the Electricity Department for the construction of a measuring weir and the installation of rain gauges in the Kunthipuzha basin for the collection of essential hydrological data to enable further consideration of the scheme in due course. It is too early now to consider the scheme for inclusion in the Second Five-Year Plan.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 684–685 infra.